-Eliminates \$1,200 enrollment fee for low-income active duty military members

-Opens G.I. Bill enrollment to all active duty servicemembers

-Ensures enrollees don't have to choose between education and families' needs

WASHINGTON -Congressman Lee Terry has introduced legislation to allow all active duty members of the military improved access to G.I. Bill education benefits.

"I am pleased to introduce legislation to show our strong support for the men and women serving selflessly in the War on Terror," Terry said. "We need to ensure that

our troops have the resources necessary to further their education without having to choose between a college degree and the immediate needs of their families. An

extra \$1,200 a year will mean a lot to enlisted military members and their children."

Terry's bill would

eliminate the \$1,200 annual enrollment fee required for participation in the Montgomery G.I. Bill for military families in

pay grades E-5 and below. These are the military families who could most benefit from the additional financial aid for

educational assistance.

The legislation also allows any member of the

military who is serving on active duty the opportunity to enroll in the G.I. Bill and begin receiving

educational benefits to improve their quality of life and enhance their distinguished

service to our nation.

Last year, similar

legislation introduced by Congressman Terry was supported by the Armed

Forces Foundation. In addition, the American Legion adopted a

resolution at its 86th National Convention in support of terminating

the \$1,200 enrollment fee for the G.I. Bill.